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# Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card

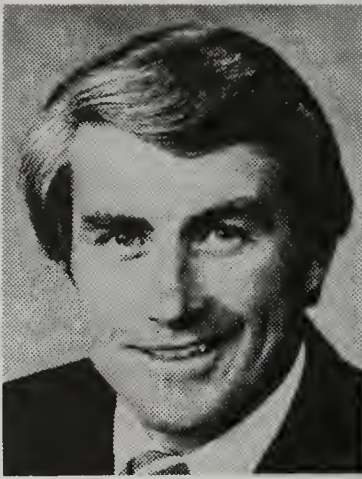
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## NEW SERVICE FOR DISABLED PERSONS

More than 1.7 million Illinois citizens are disabled. In recent years, society has become increasingly aware of the difficulties encountered by persons who are disabled.

Beginning July 1, 1985, persons who are disabled became eligible for an Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card, entitling the recipient to special benefits provided by a number of state agencies. The Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card, issued free of charge, is available at drivers license facilities throughout Illinois.

The Secretary of State's office has long provided special services to enable persons who are disabled to travel more comfortably and conveniently. I am pleased my office is able to offer this new identification card entitling persons who are disabled to a wider range of services.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Edgar".

Jim Edgar  
Secretary of State

## WHO QUALIFIES

A new law enacted July 1, 1985, created an official identification card for Illinois citizens who are disabled. The card, to be issued free of charge, includes a photo of the applicant and lists the classification of the applicant's disability.

To qualify for an Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card, an applicant must:

1. Be an Illinois resident.
2. Provide a physician's evaluation of a qualifying disability.

## HOW TO APPLY

Illinois residents who are disabled may apply for the new identification card by submitting:

1. At least three forms of identification, including one establishing date of birth and one with a signature.
2. A physician's statement showing type and class of qualifying disability.

Application forms are available at all Secretary of State drivers license facilities or by contacting:

**Jim Edgar**  
**Secretary of State**

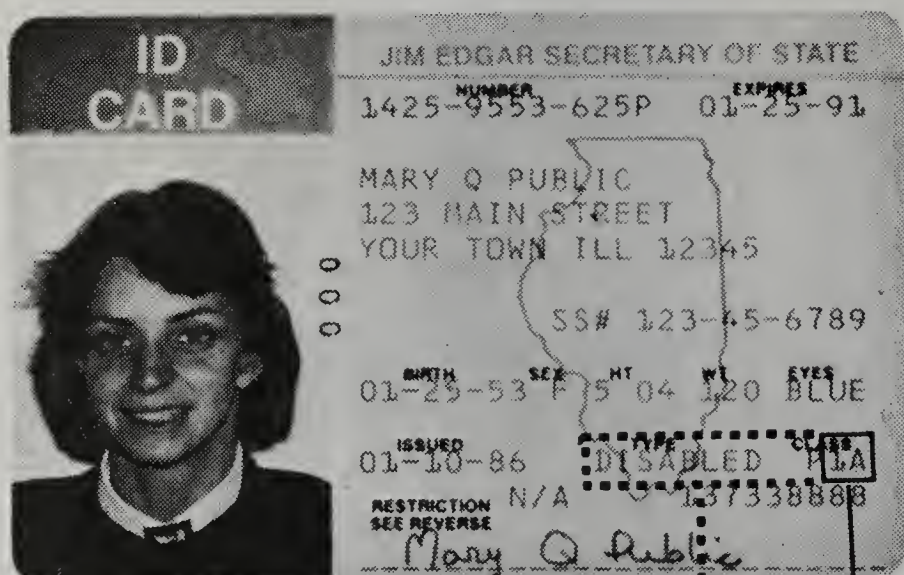
**Senior Citizens and Human  
Resources Department**  
**311 W. Jackson**  
**Springfield, IL 62756**

**TOLL FREE (800) 252-2904**  
**(Voice and TDD)**



# DISABILITY CLASSIFICATIONS

Each identification card will indicate the classification of the holder's disability as described in a physician's statement. To qualify for a card, an applicant must be subject to one of the following disabilities: Developmental (D); Physical (P); Visual (V); Hearing (H) or Mental (M).



Within each of these five types, there are four possible classes of disabilities:

**Class 1** – Person is able to engage in substantial gainful activity, live independently and perform work for which the person is qualified.

**Class 1A** – Person meets Class 1 criteria but is unable to walk 200 feet or more without assistance.

**Class 2** – Person is unable to engage in substantial gainful activity, live independently and perform work for which the person is qualified.

**Class 2A** – Person meets Class 2 criteria and is unable to walk 200 feet or more without assistance.

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## IMPORTANT

- The new Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card does not replace the Illinois Photo ID card, which will continue to be issued free of charge to qualified applicants.

- Benefits granted by participating state agencies listed on back are available only to bearers of the new Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card.

The new ID card may be used as adequate proof of disability for any state law requiring such proof.



## PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES

The following state agencies provide benefits to persons holding an Illinois Disabled Persons Identification Card. Additional information on benefits is available from individual agencies.

Illinois Department of Conservation  
405 E. Washington Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
(800) 252-8456

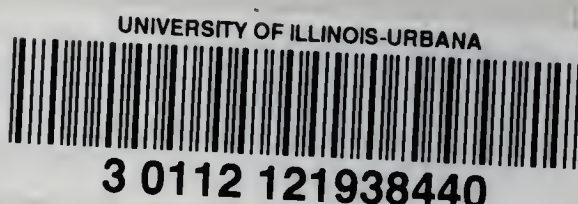
Illinois Department of Labor  
Labor Law Enforcement Section  
910 S. Michigan  
Chicago, Illinois 60605  
(312) 793-2804

Illinois Department of Public Aid  
316 S. 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62762  
(800) 252-8635  
(217) 782-1212

Illinois Department of Revenue  
101 W. Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62708  
(217) 782-6850

Illinois State Board of Elections  
1020 S. Spring Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62708  
(800) 252-8946 (**Springfield**)  
(800) 572-4481 (**Chicago**)

Illinois Secretary of State  
Vehicle Services Department  
Non-Standard Plate Section  
Centennial Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62756  
(800) 252-8980  
(217) 782-2434



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